

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10, 16-32, 38-43, 45-53 and 59-64 are presently active in this case; Claims 1, 21-23, 43 and 64 having been amended; Claims 11-15, 33-37 and 54-58 canceled by way of the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-43 and 45-64 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,859,623 to Meyn et al.

Turning now to the merits, Applicants' independent Claims 1, 22 and 23 have been amended in order to clarify the patentable features of the present invention over the cited reference to Meyn et al. Specifically, Applicants' independent Claims 1, 22, and 23 recite that at least one of image data read from a portable memory and image data supplied externally is combined with embellishment image data according to an instruction of composition included in a processing program stored on a portable memory.

As described in Applicants' specification at page 14, line 17 – page 16, line 9, the embellishment image data is superimposed on the digital image data in order to emphasize a feature of the presentation. More specifically, Applicants' specification at page 14, lines 17-22 reads

“The embellishment image memory 24 stores embellishment image data which is to be superimposed on the digital image data DV1 output from the image processing circuit 10. The embellishment image data is used to modify the image expressed by the digital image data DV1, and includes a variety of image data representing marker images, pointing images, and ring-shaped images.”

Moreover, Figures 10 and 11 provide examples of the embellishment image data being superimposed on the image data.

In contrast, the cited reference to Meyn et al. does not disclose the use of embellishment data or its superimposition on image slides in order to emphasize the feature of the image slide. In this regard, Applicants' note that the outstanding Official Action points to col. 44, lines 18-20 as teaching the feature of the embellishment data. However, this portion of Meyn et al. recites a limitation of Claim 11 as follows:

“supplying said portable document format information to said intelligent display system for utilizing said format information therein; . . .”

Applicants submit that this statement in no way teaches the use of embellishment image data as now clearly claimed in Applicants' independent claims and as adequately described in Applicants' specification as originally filed. That is, simply supplying portable document format information to the Meyn display system does not suggest the use of embellishment image data to highlight a portion of the image displayed.

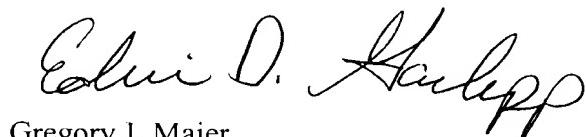
Thus, Applicants submit that independent Claims 1, 22, and 23 patentably define over the cited reference to Meyn et al. Moreover, as Applicants' remaining dependent claims depend from these independent claims, these dependent claims also patentably define over the cited reference to Meyn et al.

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Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

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